

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GREATER HARLEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S BELOVED ENTERTAINMENT, ARTS PRODUCER AND PUBLIC SERVANT—DILLARD BOONE II

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great sadness as I pay tribute to one of the most dynamic and influential members of the State of New York, Dillard T. Boone II, who has passed away recently. As I speak with profound sorrow, I ascend to celebrate a life well lived and to remember with fondness the accomplishments of a remarkable leader.

Mr. Boone was an accomplished senior executive with extensive experience in organizational management and business administration. He was an experienced project manager in both the public and private sectors. A resident of Mount Vernon, New York for 14 years and serving in City Government for 3 of those years, Mr. Boone serves his community through arts and culture and business. He is the principal producer of many of the city's cultural activities. He has worked with local businesses in producing special events, such as the two-day Katrina Relief Concert held in Mount Vernon.

He served as the Chairman of the A'Vatar Foundation of Westchester, a non-profit, multi-cultural arts organization, created to fill the gap of cultural difference. The organization has collaborated with the City of Mount Vernon's Department of Recreation over the past 11 years, in producing the Summer Breeze Concert Series, which has presented a series of concerts directed at the cultural diversity of the city. Jazz, & Gospel, Traditional & Italian Classics, Brazilian Fest, Klezmer Music, Dominican Fest, Caribbean, and world music have been the core direction that the organization has successfully maintained.

Previously a Harlem resident for 30 years and a member of St. Charles for more than 25 years, Mr. Boone began his professional career working for the City of New York. He first served as a supervisor for social services, then promoted to Deputy Director, the Office of Labor Relations for Human Resources Administration. Upon graduating from Cornell University with a Masters degree in Industrial Labor Relations, Mr. Boone was then appointed to Assistant Commissioner with the Agency for Child Development. There he supervised the technical department of engineers, architects, and building inspectors, as the project manager for major construction and renovation of 140 head start and day care facilities citywide.

After leaving city government he was appointed to District Manager, Community Board #10, Manhattan (Central Harlem) where he was the Administrator of the Community Board that represented over 150,000 Central Harlem

residents. Mr. Boone became manager of residential and commercial property as on-site manager at Concourse Village, (Bronx, NY), 2,000 units and 4 commercial spaces, then Rochdale Village, (Queens, NY), 6,000 units and 74 commercial spaces,

Mr. Boone then embarked upon his current professional career of arts and entertainment. He will be remembered as President of the International Entertainment Enterprises (IEE), a special events and production management company which specializes in the business of the arts and entertainment industry. He was the first manager of the renowned Boys Choir of Harlem. In addition, he was Concert Manager, for Dionne Warwick, the O'Jays, Nancy Wilson, Roberta Flack, Max Roach, Kool and the Gang, and many more acclaimed artists.

To list his numerous affiliations would exhaust the limits of this record, but I would be remiss not to acknowledge his significant and very productive years as a senior advisor to The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce. Chamber president, Lloyd Williams expressed, on behalf of the Chamber and HARLEM WEEK, Inc., profound sorrow to no longer have the mind, thoughts, direction, recommendations and the spirit of Dillard as a part of the annual planning and programs. Mr. Williams pledges to continue his extended family relationship with Dillard's children, two of whom are his "godchildren."

His was indeed a life of remarkable consequence and memorable production and he will truly be missed by so many who relied on his managerial skills and that magnificent voice and smiling face, and none more remorseful than his wife and five children.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 50th anniversary of the March On Washington, the Inaugural Ceremony of President Barack Obama, let us celebrate the life of our beloved Dillard Boone who dedicated his life to the black experience and African American culture.

NAGORNO-KARABAKH

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2013

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 25th anniversary of a critical turning point in the political freedom of the Armenian people of Azerbaijan. Let us take this occasion to remember their struggle for self-determination and freedom.

In 1988, the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan petitioned to become part of Armenia. For the next 2 years, the Armenian population was the target of racially motivated pogroms. Hundreds of Armenians were murdered and more wounded during three violent attacks in Sumgait, Kirovabad, and Baku.

In 1991, Nagorno-Karabakh officially declared independence, becoming a democratic

state committed to freedom and respect for human rights. Despite dual blockades and threats from neighboring Azerbaijan, Nagorno Karabakh has held a series of democratic elections and continues to work hard to strengthen its economy. I stand with the people of Nagorno-Karabakh in this noble pursuit.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF PASTOR MCKINLEY JACKSON, SENIOR

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2013

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Pastor McKinley Jackson Senior, a man dedicated to his family, church and friends. Pastor McKinley was a kind man who committed his life to serving others.

Pastor Jackson was a long-time resident of Fort Worth, Texas. Rev. Jackson was the Pastor of Samaria Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas for the last 33 years. Prior to that, he was Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Terrell, Texas and also led two other churches. He was a former Fort Worth City Councilman for District #5; lifetime NAACP member, and served in leadership within many local, state and national civic and religious organizations.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues please join me in honor and remembrance of Pastor McKinley Jackson, Senior whose kind spirit and dedicated service touched many lives. I offer my condolences and deepest sympathy to his wife, Eddie Ruth Jackson; sons, Ronnie Jackson, Michael Jackson, Jesse Jackson and Reverend William McKinley Jackson; daughters, Sharon Jackson and Alicia Jackson; adopted daughter, Angie Johnson; uncles; aunts; and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, grandchildren, great grandchildren and the Samaria Church Family. May his soul rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM OF REVEREND WILLIAM M. JAMES

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with great sorrow to announce the death of a Harlem legend, Reverend William M. James. Reverend James was considered by many the benevolent "Patron Saint" and Spiritual Crusader of Harlem. He passed away late last month at the age of 97. Over his time in the ministry, he dedicated more than 60 years of his life to improving the lives of the people of Harlem.

As a man of God, Reverend James spread the message of God, love, and peace throughout Harlem. For those who had the privilege of

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meeting him or knowing him personally, he touched the lives of every single person in his presence. Reverend James' passion was spreading the word of God, and teaching the people in Harlem to embrace and love the Lord and Jesus. His exuberance for his job was infectious and affected everyone around him.

Harlem has come a long way over the years, and we have seen a huge amount of revitalization in my District. I know that a lot of this can be contributed to the work of Reverend James. He was a strong advocate of educational advancement. The Reverend saw education as a way to create an equal playing field for everyone, giving the underprivileged the opportunity to achieve success and the American Dream.

Reverend James was a well-connected man, but never used his connections for personal gain. Instead, through his close relationship to lawmakers, such as myself, Senator Hillary Clinton, and Mayor Dave Dinkins, Reverend James was able to fight for the people of Harlem with others whose only goal in life is to improve the lives of all New Yorkers.

Education wasn't the only thing that Reverend James fought for during his life. He was also a huge supporter of the Arts. Reverend James dedicated a great deal of time to preserving the world famous Harlem landmark, the Apollo Theater. He considered it an important link for future generations to Harlem's important musical past. Reverend James also was the Chairperson of the Harlem Urban Development Corporation that works to develop economic and industrial opportunities in order to create positive growth and change in Harlem.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me and the New York Congressional Delegation in paying tribute to Harlem's beloved Reverend. Reverend William James guided the people of Harlem with compassion and tenderness. His spirituality and faith in God guided him throughout his life's quest to enhance the lives of the underprivileged. He will be forever missed all the people of Harlem and by everyone who's life he touched.

HONORING TEMPLE BETH EL

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker. I rise to honor the congregation of Temple Beth El and its leadership for 90 years of spiritual and interfaith service to the San Pedro, Palos Verdes, and greater South Bay community. I am proud to recognize Temple Beth El for the extraordinary work it has done in my community, and for the work it will continue to do in the years ahead.

As one of the oldest synagogues in Los Angeles, Temple Beth El has long been a vibrant part of the San Pedro, Palos Verdes, and greater South Bay community. Through its array of educational, cultural, and musical programming, Temple Beth El has built a second home for Jewish Los Angelenos, where spiritual fulfillment, interfaith inclusion, and social action thrive. The community's spiritual vivacity lies in its congregation and its leadership.

As a community leader, Rabbi Charles Briskin serves his Jewish and interfaith com-

munities alike. He nurtures the South Bay Jewish community by actively engaging in congregants' lives and facilitating dialogue on how to marry Jewish ethos with the trials of everyday life. Outside the Temple's walls, he contributes to interfaith understanding through his work at the Peninsula Interfaith Fellowship, his service on the Board of Directors for Harbor Interfaith Services, and his contributions to the Palos Verdes Peninsula News Clergy Viewpoints column.

Serving Temple Beth El for nearly 20 years, Cantor Ilan Davidson brightens any Temple gathering with his rich musical heritage. From leading congregational worship to preparing B'nai Mitzvah students for their big day, Cantor Davidson brings the music of the Jewish people to life.

Debi Rowe dedicates her life to furthering Jewish understanding through education. In her career, Debi has authored books on religious education, served on the national board of the National Association of Temple Educators, and trained countless teachers. Debi was rightfully recognized for her work when she received the Lanier Distinguished Educator Award for Religious School Educators.

I commend Temple Beth El for their leadership in fostering the spiritual and cultural vitality of my district. What began in 1922 as a religious gathering amongst 25 Jewish families in San Pedro has blossomed into a multi-facility, region-wide cultural and spiritual community. I am tremendously grateful for the profound impact Temple Beth El, its congregation, and its leadership have had in shaping my community over the last 90 years.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE PRESENTS "THE GREAT DEBATE" IN THE VILLAGE OF HARLEM USA

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for presenting the National Great Debate Series.

On Saturday, March 2, the NAACP New York State Conference, under the leadership of Dr. Hazel N. Dukes in partnership with Starbucks, NAACP Region II Youth and College Division, the NAACP Connecticut State Conference, Bill Lynch Associates and Positive Workforce, Inc. hosted in New York City's Village of Harlem's First Corinthian Baptist Church "The Great Debate"—Howard University vs Columbia University.

For the first time, this highly acclaimed event took place outside of an academic building in hopes of stimulating the consciousness and interest of young people who might not otherwise be exposed to debates as a platform for the advancement of civil rights issues and education. Over 1600 youth and community leaders from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, and New York converged at Harlem's historic First Corinthian Baptist Church to witness, support and participate in "The Great Debate".

Inspired by Denzel Washington's 2007 movie, "The Great Debaters" in 2008, Con-

necticut State Conference President Scot X. Esdaile, created the "NAACP Great Debate series". The debate series, which is one of a kind in the country, brings together highly acclaimed debate teams from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) to compete against their Ivy League counterparts.

The teams debate some of the most pressing social, cultural, and political issues of today. The first debate was held at Woolsey Hall on the Yale University campus where students from Howard University and Yale University demonstrated their oral prowess. Since this first debate, interest in the series has grown exponentially. In 2011, Howard University squared off against Yale University on the topics of charter schools and District of Columbia (D.C.) statehood. In 2012, the Youth & College Division hosted the Great Debate between Wiley University and Harvard University during the 103rd Annual NAACP National Convention in Houston, Texas in a debate over the controversial "Stand Your Ground" law. This year, moderated by Drexel University's Dr. Charles A. Williams, III, Howard University and Columbia University debated over New York City's Police Department controversial Stop and Frisk Policy, and also debated whether hand guns should be banned in urban cities nationwide.

As Dean of the New York Congressional Delegation, let me congratulate my sister, Hazel N. Dukes, President of the NAACP New York State Conference, Scot X. Esdaile, President of the Connecticut State Conference and Marvin Bing, Director of Region II for bringing the NAACP Debate Series to New York City and my Congressional District. I also want to give special praise and thanks to Senior Pastor, Reverend Michael A. Walrond, Jr. and First Lady and Executive Pastor, Dr. Lakeesha Walrond of the First Corinthian Baptist Church for hosting this historic debate at Harlem's landmarked faith based institution.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 50th anniversary of the March On Washington, the 100th Birthday of Rosa Parks, let us also celebrate the 104 years of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that has dedicated its life's advocacy and game changing work, under the leadership of Chairman Roslyn M. Brock and President and Chief Executive Officer Benjamin Todd Jealous to enhancing Civic Engagement, Criminal Justice, Economic Development, Education and Health for all Americans across this Nation.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF GLYNIS BROWN

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2013

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Glynis Brown, a kind woman who was devoted to her family, church and friends. She had a warm and kind spirit, a passion for the helping others and serving her Church.

Sister Brown was a long time resident of Fort Worth. She matriculated through the Fort Worth Independent School District and graduated from Eastern Hills High School. She

worked as a secretary for Fort Worth ISD and married her friend in Christ, Mr. Douglas E. Brown. In 1993, she became the First Lady of Great Commission Baptist Church where she became known as the life and heartbeat of Pastor Brown.

Sister Brown was very active in her Church; she began the Sisters In Effect Ministry for youth ages 13 through 18 and performed premarital counseling. She touched many lives and warmed the hearts of the worshippers.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Glynis Brown, whose warm and kind heart touched many lives. I offer my condolences and deepest sympathy to her husband, my pastor the Reverend Dr. Douglas E. Brown; to her daughters, Phairen Yaites and Kaitlyn Brown; to her extended family members; and to her Great Commission Baptist Church family and many friends. May her soul rest in peace.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 933, DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
AND VETERANS AFFAIRS,
AND FULL-YEAR CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 933, the Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act.

Talking to folks in our region, I know they will be hurt by the reckless across-the-board cuts included in this budget plan. From day one, I've said sequestration is a bad idea for

our country. The bill we voted on today doesn't stop the furloughs that will hurt our communities, doesn't give non-defense agencies the flexibility to deal with the across-the-board cuts in a more strategic way, and doesn't limit the impact of deep cuts to programs like Impact Aid that ensures the schools that our military kids attend have the resources they need. I didn't come here to vote on partisan gimmicks. I'm here to solve problems. The bill we voted on today doesn't do that. It continues in the wrong direction for our military and for our other priorities.

Congress has 21 days until the current funding for the government expires. That's 21 days that Congress should be working non-stop until there is a bipartisan, long-term budget plan that addresses our financial sustainability and avoids making these mindless across-the-board cuts. For our national security, our businesses, and our middle class families, we need a responsible, long-term balanced budget plan to replace the across-the-board cuts and get our economy back on track.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HAR-
LEM'S MATRIARCH MS. FANNIE
E. PENNINGTON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Life of Harlem's Matriarch Ms. Fannie E. Pennington, who passed away on Wednesday, February 13 at the age of 99 years old.

On Friday, February 22, the Village Harlem joined together at Abyssinian Baptist Church to celebrate the amazing and historic life of Fannie E. Pennington who was a faithful and

dedicated servant to the Lord and to our Nation. Great women like our wonderful Fannie Pennington are precious gifts we temporarily have in this world, but their assistance, contributions and accomplishments are far remembered and everlasting.

Our beloved Fannie lived a full and spiritual life—a life well spent and dedicated to the uplifting of African Americans and women. Daughter of Matthew Mark and Hattie Harris, and a descendant of the Balanta Fula Tribes of Guinea, Fannie and her late sister Amelia were baptized and christened into the family of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church by the Reverend Adam Clayton Powell, Sr.

At Abyssinian, Fannie Pennington became one of the most devoted members, serving on the Progressive Ladies Usher Board, the Welcome and Hospitality Committee, which was once known as the Adam Clayton Powell Overseas Club. Ms. Fannie Pennington greeted and hosted historic world figures and American Icons such as Haile Selassie, Mary McCloud Bethune, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X.

Many of our friends will remember Fannie as a vivacious and beautiful personality, who tended bar in several of Harlem's elite dining institutions and establishments. She was also an official representative of the Barmaid Charity Organization, which raised money to send inner city kids to summer camp. I will remember Fannie for her loyalty and support to Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., her years of service to the New York City Board of Elections and the Frederick E. Samuel Community Democratic Club, where she was dedicated to registering young people to vote.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington and the 100th Birthday of Rosa Parks, let us also celebrate the 99 years of our beloved Fannie E. Pennington.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine sexual assaults in the military.

SH-216

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold closed hearings to examine strategic counterterrorism, focusing on meeting current and emerging challenges.

SVC-217

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs (VA) claims process, focusing on a review of Veterans' Affairs transformation efforts.

SR-418

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine fulfilling the promise of open government five years after the "OPEN Government Act".

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on the Budget

Business meeting to consider the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2014.

SD-608

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine Jamaican phone fraud targeting seniors.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the costs and impacts of crisis budgeting.

SD-342

MARCH 14

9 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

Business meeting to continue consideration of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2014.

SD-608

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine solving the Federal debt crisis.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 23, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, S. 25, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, S. 26, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project, S. 112, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, S. 130, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming, S. 157, to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, S. 222, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects and acid mine remediation programs, S. 230, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 241, to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, S. 244, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project, S. 247, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, S. 276, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir, S. 304, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, S. 311, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, S. 347, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, S. 352, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers, S. 354, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, S. 383, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 393, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and S. 459, to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine keeping up with a changing economy, focusing on indexing the minimum wage.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine border security, focusing on measuring progress and addressing challenges.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, S. 374, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, S. 146, to enhance the safety of America's schools, and the nominations of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, and Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine helping small businesses weather economic challenges and natural disasters, focusing on a review of legislative proposals on access to capital and disaster recovery.

SR-428A

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MARCH 15

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine JPMorgan Chase whale trades.

SD-G50

MARCH 18

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine how comprehensive immigration reform should address the needs of women and families.

SD-226

MARCH 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command, U.S. Northern Command, and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the options and challenges related to possible reauthorization and reform of two payment programs for local governments, focusing on the recently expired "Secure

Rural Schools and Community Self-Termination Act” and the “Payment in Lieu of Taxes”.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine the American Airlines/US Airways merger, focusing on consolidation, competition, and consumers.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

To hold hearings to examine developments and opportunities in United States fisheries management.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

MARCH 20

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Science and Space

To hold hearings to examine assessing the risks, impacts, and solutions for space threats.

SR-253

APRIL 9

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

APRIL 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

APRIL 23

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

APRIL 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106

MAY 8

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222